

Robert A. "Bob" Richardson, 83

Robert A. "Bob" Richardson, a longtime resident of the Flathead Valley, lifetime entrepreneur, and retired business owner, died on Aug. 15, 2016, after a long illness. He was 83 years old.

Bob was born on Nov. 18, 1932, in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1950.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an electrician's mate from 1951 to 1955 aboard the USS Waller, and was honorably discharged in 1959, after four years of reserve status.

After serving in the Navy, Bob owned a gas station and towing service in Bridgeport.

In 1956, Bob married Marie Kuntz, of Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania, and they settled in Norristown, Pennsylvania, to raise a family. There, Bob worked for Colony Imports, and afterward, opened Richardson's Marine, a local boat sales and service business.

In 1971, Bob became a charter member of the West Norriton chapter of the Ambucs (American Business Clubs), a national service organization that provides mobility assistance to persons with disabilities. He served



as chapter president in 1972, and in 1978 was awarded lifetime membership.



Bob moved from Norristown, Pennsylvania,

to Kalispell in 1972 and became a business entrepreneur. He owned Richardson's Sports Car Service, later became a real estate broker, and eventually opened Southwest Hot Line, where he developed and produced his own brand of hot sauce.

Bob is survived by sisters, Theresa Kulp, of Audubon, Pennsylvania, and Arlene Coleman, of Limerick, Pennsylvania. He is survived by daughter Linda and her partner, Mitch, and son Scott and his wife, Gina. Bob also leaves behind four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Among Bob's favorite pastimes was a passion for classic cars, golf, hunting and fishing. In lieu of flowers, Bob's family asks that donations be made to Home Options Hospice in Kalispell.

Kenneth L. 'Rich' Richardson, 84

Kenneth L. "Rich" Richardson, 84, of Troy, died Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Kalispell.

He is survived by his wife, Joann, of Troy; daughters, Kathy

Anderson of Rockford, Illinois, and Joy Savage of Troy; and son, John of San Diego.

Military graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, June 24, at

Brittany Ann Richmond, 29

Brittany Ann Richmond, 29, passed away on Dec. 24, 2016, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on July, 27 1987, in Kalispell.

Brittany grew up in Kalispell where she attended West Valley School. She graduated from Flathead High School in 2005. After high school she attended college at Montana State University and University of Montana. While studying pre-nursing at UM she worked as a certified nursing assistant, a job she enjoyed and excelled at. She recently became a licensed insurance agent and was excited to start her career in this field.

Brittany had great love for family, friends, and nature. These were the most important things in her life. She was a kind, gentle soul. She cared so much about others and was always there for her friends and family. Brittany's life philosophy was "As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we



have hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful."

Brittany is survived by her parents Kevin and Marla Richmond and Rich and Teresa Yarde; her sister Ashley, and brothers Austin and Justin Richmond. She is also survived by her nephew Jaxon Burr (Ashley); and grandparents Carol Richmond and Laurel Wehr. She leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles and cousins that were so important in her life.

Brittany was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harold Richmond, James Wehr and Dick Yarde; grandmother, Gail Yarde; great-grandmother, Florence Ladd; and her cousin, Ely Gelinias.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home. A reception will follow at the Eagles Lodge.

Halley Florine Whited Riddle, 87

Halley Florine Whited Riddle, 87, died Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at her home in Kalispell.

She is survived by her children, Julie Dewitt,

Kathline Dorado and John Garcia III.

No services will be held. Johnson-Gloschat Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Richard Duane Riedinger, 70

Richard "Rich" Duane Riedinger passed away at his home in Benton City, Washington, on Feb. 7, 2016, after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born on June 11, 1945, in Boise, Idaho, to Arthur L. Riedinger and Jane M. Harshbarger Riedinger, the fifth of six children.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rich leaves behind his wife and partner, the love of his life, Ardith Fredenberg Riedinger, of Benton City. The two of them spent 48 years together and were married on March 26, 1976.

He is also survived by two sons, Dion Riedinger of Ashland City, Tennessee, and John Riedinger and daughter, Jody Orth, both of Benton City. He is also survived by grandsons, Tarren Hillborn of Benton City, Patrick Middleton and Christopher Middleton of Winchester, Virginia, and granddaughter, Shavonna Middleton of Richmond, Virginia.

Rich is survived by sisters Pat (Ted) Swanberg of West Glacier, JoAnn (Melvin) Oftedahl, Bonnie Riedinger and brothers, Mike (Melanie) Riedinger, all of Kalispell, and Art (Mary) Riedinger of Prosser, Washington. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews (who adored Rich) and other in-laws and outlaws!

He attended schools at Elrod and in Evergreen and Flathead County High.

Rich was a truck driver until he and Ardy retired in 2007 due to illness. He was a life-long mechanic and a car enthusiast. He built and raced several stock cars in his younger days, always putting the number "55" on his cars. He did lots of mechanic work for friends and family. Rich was also a member of the Army National Guard for a brief time in the '60s. He had a talented and creative mind,



always keeping his family on their toes with some of his crazy antics. He was always coming up with creative ideas on how to build and fix things

and ways to have fun.

Rich could play, by ear, any musical instrument that caught his attention. He was partial to the guitar, accordion, piano and a dobro (that he made himself). He loved country music and dancing. He wrote songs that he loved to play for his family and he wrote stories and songs for his kids when they were younger. He was a wonderful artist, winning blue ribbons in the county fair.

Rich was a perfectionist at everything he did. He was a favorite uncle to many of his nieces and nephews because he was always full of ways to have fun. Rich was a lot of things to a lot of people. More than anything he was a family man. He did whatever it took to provide for his family and he always made sure his kids knew they were loved and that he was very proud of them. And, he had a profound love for his sweet wife and earthly companion who took such good care of him during his illness. Rich will be greatly missed.

"My mind still talks to you, my heart still looks for you, my soul knows that you are finally at peace" — unknown

Rich expressed that he did not want a funeral. The family will hold a celebration of his life at 2 p.m. on his birthday, Saturday, June 11, at Smith Valley Grange. Friends and family are invited to come and share their memories of Rich and enjoy a light lunch.

Matthew G. 'Ricky' Riley, 88

Ricky passed away at his home on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016.

He was born in Lodi New Jersey, to Matthew and Benita (Frey) Riley on Jan. 22, 1928. He was the fifth of seven children. He graduated high school in June of 1945 and two months later enlisted in the Navy. All four of his older brothers were fighting around the world at this time.

Ricky was married to Claire Lupino in 1961. They immediately started a family with Matt being born in 1962, Nick in 1964, and Gina Marie in 1966. After retiring from Bergen County Parks in 1996, Ricky and Claire followed the trail of their sons and grandchildren and moved to Montana.

The family's fondest memories of their dad were of family trips to a cabin in New York State. Here the love of the outdoors and hunting were started. Ricky enjoyed cooking, playing cards, fixing things and telling stories. His family and friends will never forget the good times gathered around the kitchen table.



The generosity to cook and entertain for whoever walked through the kitchen door, at

all hours of the day and night, will never be forgotten by so many.

Ricky was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Claire.

He is survived by his son Matt and his wife Sharon, their children Matthew, Sam and his wife Sammi, David, Liz, Joe and Sarah of Kalispell; his son Nick and his wife Kathy, their children Luke, Nicholas, Noah, Rose, Caleb and Stephen of Columbia Falls; and his daughter Gina Marie of Woodbridge, New Jersey; and one great-grandchild, Isaac. He also leaves behind one brother and two sisters in New Jersey, as well as many numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Ricky will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at Central Bible Church, 901 First Avenue East in

Kalispell.

Donations in Ricky's name can be made to the

Gideon's International.

Columbia Mortuary is caring for Ricky's family.

Wallace Millard Riley, 90

Wallace Millard Riley passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, at the family home in Columbia Falls of natural causes. Wally, as he was known to family, friends and acquaintances, was 90 years old.

He was born in Castleton, North Dakota, Oct. 14, 1925, to Millard Fillmore Riley and Alma A. Lambrecht, the fourth son in the family of nine Riley brothers and sisters: Herb, Harry, Ken, Wally, Dorothy, Lila, Don, Jim and Paul. Working in the woods of Minnesota and serving his country with military service in the U.S. Army, Wally developed the knowledge and skills which would serve him, his family and his community well the rest of his life.

He married Dorothy Ann Nelson Jan. 21, 1950, in Bemidji, Minnesota, and soon moved his new wife to Montana where he found steady work at the Plum Creek Mill in Columbia Falls. Several years later he and Dotty bought land a few miles from town where they built a permanent home for their growing family of three sons, Jim R., Ronald W., and Leslie B. Riley.

After long service to Plum Creek, Wally retired from mill work to dive full time into construction with multiple homes and buildings standing today with his distinctive mark of design and craftsmanship. Along with strong work skills, he enjoyed hunting and fishing from the hills of Montana to the waters of Alaska, providing family and friends many a feast of wild game, trout, salmon and halibut. He was also a mentor and teacher to young men helping to build a community of competence for those



who wanted to learn. Even in retirement he was quick to

offer a hand in snowing and repairing or constructing a new building. Always a lover of nature, in his last years he enjoyed sitting by the big window in his house watching wildlife, the birds, squirrels, deer and an occasional moose, move through the yard.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Herb, Harry, Don and Paul.

Surviving him are his wife of 66 years, Dotty, at the family home; sons, Jim in Hawaii, Ron in Columbia Falls, and Les in Alaska; brothers, Ken (Dixie) and Jim (Alice) of Columbia Falls; sisters, Dorothy and Lila of Minnesota; grandchildren Tyler, Desiree, Jamie and Josh, several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Wally was a leader and teacher, a skilled craftsman, an intelligent and loyal friend, a good neighbor, and a great storyteller with interesting stories to tell. He lived a life and left a legacy to be proud of. Wally was beloved of many and will be sorely missed.

A visitation is planned for 4 to 6 p.m. Friday evening, Aug. 12, at the Columbia Mortuary, 1010 4th Ave West in Columbia Falls. The family will greet guests from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Columbia Mortuary with services to begin at 1 p.m. in the mortuary chapel. A luncheon will follow at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

The Columbia Mortuary is caring for the family.

Helen Mae Frost Riebe, 90

Helen Mae Frost Riebe passed away on Sept. 14, 2016, at the Immanuel Lutheran Home in Kalispell.

She was born May 3, 1926, in Eureka, the daughter of Floyd and Edna Frost. She was one of eight children and grew up in a large, happy family in the woods outside of Eureka surrounded by many relatives and friends, attending Glen Lake School and Eureka High School.

She was working in Kalispell after high school when she met Charles "Chuck" Riebe in 1946. After a true "whirlwind" courtship they married on Oct. 21, 1946, and were married for 48 years until his death in 1994. They were a love story that their children all wished to emulate.

Helen worked as a homemaker for many years, raising six children while Chuck was an interstate truck driver. She was very active in Scouting, being a Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader at the same time for some years. After moving back to Kalispell in 1965, she worked at the Montana Drivers License Bureau. In 1967 she went to work for Montgomery Wards and worked there until 1972. She got what was to become her favorite job in 1974 at the Flathead County Sheriff's Department working for Al Rierson, Chuck Rhodes and Jim Dupont as a dispatcher and ultimately in Records. She made many good friends while working there and only retired at 67 to take care of Chuck in his last years. They lived up off of Foothills Road on Bench Drive for many years, enjoying their little "farm" with her garden, chickens and turkeys, bunnies and a pig now and then, not to mention children and grandchildren, creating lots of very good memories for all.

At the age of 79 she jumped out of a "perfectly good airplane" as her son-in-law was heard frequently to expound! She said it was an unforgettable experience. She took a glider ride around the valley and loved airplanes all her life.

She went on a number of little trips around Montana, up to Canada and to the Oregon coast. She was always so much fun to be with and you never heard one complaint from her. She was a very active little lady, rarely still for a moment, always doing four things at once!

Preceding her in death were her beloved husband, Chuck; two sons, LG and Dan; her parents; brothers, Floyd and Wayne Frost; sisters-in-law, Opal and Doreen Frost; and brothers-in-law, Joe Johnson, John Holder and Charles Purdy.

She is survived by sisters, Vivian Purdy, Jackie Holder and Bobbi Johnson; brothers, Ken and Gerry Frost, and Stan and Barb Frost; children, Jerry and Ellie Riebe, Linda Jelleff, Dianne and Ron Guyton, Floyd Riebe and Jay and Patti Riebe, and daughter-in-law Hazel Riebe. Her grandchildren are Garth and Kari Riebe, Diana and Dana Krank, Heather and Chris Beadles, Nathan and Kate Schelin, Jake, John and Drew Riebe, Sarah and Shawn Tong, Emily and Josh Krueger, Laura and Kimberlee Riebe, and Janie and Andrew Palermo. Great-grandchildren are Jace, Justin, Cindy, Tristan, Scarlet, Katrina, Auron, Khloee, Elijah, Andrew, Tyler and Brittany and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen attended Flathead Valley Community College off and on, taking classes for fun until after Chuck passed away, and then went to school for almost two years to try for a degree. She enjoyed every minute of it.

She fought breast cancer in 1996 at the age of 70 and kept her sense of humor and optimism throughout the process. She was truly an inspiration to her family to the very end.

Helen was a very loving, caring person with not a selfish bone in her body! She took in people, stray cats and dogs and was very beloved by all of them. She had a wonderful sense of humor and could always find something good in any situation. She is already terribly missed and will be forever. For such a little lady she has left a giant hole in our lives and hearts.

A memorial service is planned from 2 to 5 p.m. for Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Mountain Brook School Library on Foothills Road, for family and friends.

Mary Elizabeth Plummer Riehl, 80

Mary Elizabeth Plummer Riehl, 80, passed away Sept. 7, 2016, of natural causes in Kalispell.

She was born Jan. 30, 1936, in Bedford, Pennsylvania, to Regis and Mary Irene Plummer. Her early home there is now sitting on display at the Old Bedford Village. Mary met and married Dennis W. Riehl on Oct. 19, 1972. It was "great for them both," and they enjoyed raising four boys from a previous mar-



riage. With Dennis being in the military, they moved a few times, and enjoyed the new adventures that came along with it.

Mary worked as office manager for a custom shutter company for 18 years before she retired. She then became a homemaker, tending to the family's needs and grow-

ing a few flowers. Her favorite thing to make was afghans, which she made for many family members as gifts.

She was preceded in death by her parents Regis and Mary Irene Plummer; brothers, Ralph, Bill and Jerry; sister, Sarah; and son, Carl.

Mary is survived by her husband, Dennis W. Riehl, of Kalispell; sons, Chet (Terry) Riehl, Robert (Beth) Riehl, and Mark Riehl; brother, Robert

Plummer of Georgia; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many great friends of hers whom she always talked to.

Per Mary's wishes, there will be no services, and cremation has taken place. Friends are encouraged to visit our website at www.buffalohillfh.com to leave notes of

condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Helen Marie Riffel (nee Mahlum), 72

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Helen Marie Riffel (nee Mahlum), in Eureka, on July 10, 2016, at the age of 72 years.

Helen was born on Aug. 7, 1943, in Kalispell. She was raised in the Helena Flats and Patrick Creek areas until she graduated from high school in 1962.

Helen moved to Seattle where she married and had two children, Darren and Bradley Gore. In 1973, Helen and the boys relocated to Eureka where she worked as a bartender and waitress. Helen married her second husband, Bob Clarke, and assisted in the operation and management of the First and Last Chance Bar until his death. She remained as a partner in the ownership of the bar until 1995.

In 1994, Helen married Lawrence Riffel and together they developed Gateway Village, Deer Park, Country Meadows and Horizon subdivisions and operated a successful gravel pit business for several years. Helen and Lawrence were always together, shopping, working, traveling, visiting and spending time with family and friends. She was generous and kind to everyone and enjoyed supporting and attending the National Rifle Association banquets, was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and was always ready and willing to lend a hand to friends and family.

She was an avid gardener, spending hours planting, pruning and weeding her flower beds and they thrived from her care and attention. Helen loved feeding the birds



and various diverse animals that turned up at their place, never turning away a hungry stray!

Helen will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, Lawrence; her children, Bradley Gore of Phoenix, Darren (Maureen) Gore of Phoenix, her stepdaughter Crystal Loewen of Sylvan Lake, Alberta, and stepson Dave Clarke of Eureka; four grandchildren, Keelaina, Alieda, Tristan and Brittany; and one great-grandchild, Paige. She is also survived by her sister Janet Neer (Doug) of Seattle, and her brother Gary Mahlum of Eureka; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father Tony Mahlum, her mother Hazel Dare, her stepfather Frank Dare, and her second husband Bob Clarke.

A celebration of Helen's life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at the First Baptist Church, 355 - 9th Street, Eureka, with Pastor Jeff Butler officiating. A reception will follow. A public viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Friends wishing to do so may make donations in Helen's memory to the Shriners Hospitals for Children Spokane, 911 W. 5th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204; or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Duane Ernest Rittenhouse, 74

Duane Ernest Rittenhouse, 74, died April 19, 2016, in Kalispell. Cremation has taken

place and no services are planned.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

Gale Ritter, 72

For anyone who's an avid RVer, cowboy at heart, or lover of life, read on for a great tale! What follows is the life story of Gale Ritter, born Dec. 7, 1943, who on Friday, May 13, 2016, "left for her final adventure."

Her spirit carries on through her older brother, Harroun "Rich" Richardson, who lives in Thailand; her eldest daughter, Cindy Ritter, and her husband Greg Wright, of Columbia Falls; her youngest daughter, Teri Steffens, and her husband Jeff Steffens, of Kalispell; and a very large extended family of relations and friends from every walk of life!

We learned many valuable lessons from Gale (aka "Gale-isms") during her 72 years here upon this earth, chief among them:

— Always Live, Love, and Laugh. Also referred to as "L" to the third power.

— The faster you go, the less you feel the bumps. This still applies even if you're not driving down dirt roads.

— Take time to appreciate your surroundings no matter where you're at. The where isn't as important as what you get out of it.

— Be sure to follow the 7 Ps of Life: Prior Proper Planning Prevents Poor Performance.

— Fly the American flag proudly. And always thank a veteran for their service.

— Remember to blow with the whim. Enjoy the unexpected and discover the extraordinary.

Gale's adventures began in Monterey, California, on Dec. 7, 1943. She graduated high school from the Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, in 1962. Four years later she graduated college from Chapman College in Orange, California, with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in physical education. While there, she played basketball under jersey number 13. This began



her lifelong affinity for the number 13, and particularly Friday the 13th!

Gale joined the Red Cross in January of 1967. From September of 1967 to October of 1968, she was stationed in Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam. While there she helped wounded soldiers in the 12th USAF Evacuation Hospital by providing recreational activities. She eventually left the Red Cross in April of 1969.

That same month Gale moved to St. Helena, California, where she met the love of her life, Ken. They got married on Aug. 13, 1970, and would spend the next 39 wonderful years together. They moved back to Ken's home state of Montana in May, 1975. The family finally settled down on the Ritter homestead along the North Fork Road outside Columbia Falls in April, 1976. It became a sanctuary where Gale and Ken raised two beautiful daughters (one found in a sea shell, the other under a rock)! It was there that the Ritters found an extended family in the neighborhood that they still call home today.

In 2001 Gale retired from Architectural Woodwork of Montana, where she had been a woodworker for 12 years. A year later she and Ken started "blow'n with the whim" in their fifth wheel trailer. Every fall they would travel south together, gathering old and new friends along the way. This continued until 2009, when Ken "went ahead to reserve the best campground site in heaven for Gale."

Even after Ken's passing Gale never lost her spirit of adventure. She downsized her fifth wheel and started heading out on her own with her dog, Sissy, for company. The best treasures she found on her trips were the

many people she met and befriended. Gale attracted people like bees to honey. From Montana slopes, through Nevada wildlife refuges, to the rugged hills of central Texas, she never stopped loving life and having fun. Gale truly made her own adventures!

Gale had numerous interests throughout her life. Here are a few: horseback riding (in her youth she entered many competitive trail events), kayaking, driving fast cars, hosting Friday night porch parties, bird watching, gathering scraps of wood for campfires, wood working, stamp collecting, playing games of all kinds, and spending time with her beloved family and friends! They are what truly defined her!

Family and friends can come celebrate Gale's life at 2 p.m. on June 25 at the Ritter homestead.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to First Descents, who provide life-changing outdoor adventures for young adults affected by cancer. Gale spent several summers volunteering with First Descents. She believed their programs helped participants understand that they could overcome challenges in their lives, just as they could learn to kayak boldly down a river. To learn more or to donate in Gale's memory go to <http://support.first-descents.org/celebrate-galeritter>.

"Gale, may you always blow with the whim. You are forever in our hearts and will be greatly missed. Now go —ride off into the sunset! Until our next adventures together, be at peace."

Columbia Mortuary is caring for the Ritter family.

Russell J. Ritter, 83

Russell J. Ritter, the former mayor of Helena and president of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, passed peacefully at his home in Helena on the morning of Thursday, March 31, at the age of 83.

Born on July 22, 1932, Russ was the only child of Walter A. and Sally C. (Mellen) Ritter. Russ' maternal family, the Mellens, moved to Montana from central Michigan, settling at Stone Station, Montana, in the mid-1870s, while his father's parents both emigrated from Germany in the late 19th century. Growing up, Russ spent many fine summers split between his father's drugstore, their home in Helena's 6th ward and the Mellen family's Stone Station ranch.

In 1950, Russ graduated from Helena Cathedral High School and entered Carroll College in the fall of that year, beginning a long and devoted relationship with the school. He graduated from Carroll with an A.B. in history in the spring of 1953 before serving in the United States Marine Corps for the remainder of the Korean War. A proud Marine, Russ maintained his ties with the military throughout his life.

Russ' return from Korea reunited him with his long-time sweetheart and fiancée, Linaire O. Wells, to whom he was married on August 4, 1956. By the end of 1957, the newly-wedded couple had moved to Billings, where Russ embraced the persona many still remember him by: Mr. Ritter. A teacher at Billings Central High School, he worked on the coaching staff of the basketball, track and field, and football squads, before packing up and moving his growing family to Missoula in 1958, where he picked-up as a teacher and coach at Missoula Loyola.



new water system, wastewater treatment plant, fire department, and a new law enforcement building, all while courting the Federal Reserve to

keep its Helena branch office active.

During his time as mayor, Russ welcomed dignitaries from the U.S. and abroad to the Treasure State, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu and President Ronald Reagan, whom he famously referred to as "Mr. Mayor" before introducing himself as the "President of Helena"—a flub that earned the young mayor his seven seconds of Johnny Carson fame.

After nearly 22 years (1969-1991) with Carroll and 13 (1978-1991) in Helena government, Russ transitioned yet again into a dual position as director for corporate and government relations for Washington Corporation, based in Missoula, and president of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. With Washington Corporation, he put his glad-handing days in local politics to good use lobbying for the company's interests in both Montana and Washington, D.C. He additionally oversaw the distribution of millions of dollars in grant money through the Foundation's outreach efforts, and helped to bring the 1993 American Academy of Achievement retreat to Glacier National Park.

Celebration. He was a member of the Helena Chamber of Commerce, Montana Ambassador's Club of Helena, Montana Officials Association, the Montana Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Helena Rotary Club.

A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Russ is survived by his wife, Linaire, of 59 years; his five children and their spouses, Michael and Mary Ritter, Leslie and Tom Wozniak, Teresa Ritter, Greg and Brenda Ritter and Dan Ritter; and his thirteen grandchildren and their spouses, Matt and Kara, Andy, Alex, Sarah, Abby, and Jenna Ritter; Ryan, Dylan, and Stephanie Wozniak; and Donovan, Mitchell, and Connor Dennis.

A vigil will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 4th, at Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home, 3750 N. Montana Ave. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon on Tuesday, April 5th at the

Cathedral of St. Helena, 530 N. Ewing St. A reception will follow the Mass in the Brondel Center located in the lower level of the Cathedral of St. Helena. Burial with Military Honors will take place at 3 p.m. following the reception.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that condolences be directed to the Montana Military Museum, P.O. Box 125 Fort Harrison, MT 59636. Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Russ.

True to Russ' thirst for knowledge and passion for American history, he pursued a master's degree in history and political science at the University of Montana while with Loyola—a degree he was conferred in 1962.

During the summer of 1962, the family followed another teaching/coaching job, this time to Kalispell, where Russ taught both history and government and coached the Flathead High School Braves football team. While in Kalispell, Russ and the family opened Danny's Drive-In—a mid-1960s Kalispell staple—and acquired the family's beloved Flathead Lake home, the Ritters' Bears' Den.

Despite success in Kalispell, the lure of his hometown and alma mater called Russ back to Helena in 1969, where he began a two-decade career in the development office at Carroll. First as the director for development and community relations and later as the vice-president for college relations, Russ oversaw new construction at the college and helped maintain Carroll's strong ties with the Helena community. Russ' devotion to the community through public service made him a household name across the city.

As a city commissioner from 1978 to 1982 and mayor from 1982 to 1991, Russ set a tone for development in Helena that has continued well into the 21st century. He was active in securing several major infrastructure projects including a

The new millennium saw Russ transferring his time and focus away from Washington Corp., and he devoted much of his efforts to outreach and fundraising projects. In 2009, he welcomed the debut of the Liberty House—a residential facility for families receiving healthcare services—and the Montana Military Museum, both at Fort Harrison outside Helena. He remained a member of the boards of the Fort Harrison Museum and the Student Assistant Foundation until his passing on Thursday.

Throughout his life, Russ additionally served on the board of directors of Norwest Bank of Helena, the All American Indian Hall of Fame, Junior Achievement, Montana Physicians Services, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana, the Montana Chamber of Commerce, the Montana Community Finance Corporation, City-County Building, Inc., Montana Friendship Force, and the Montana Centennial

Barry Lee Roach, 85

Barry Lee Roach, 85, died Saturday, Dec., 10, 2016, at The Pines of Polson.

Funeral services are

pending.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Hugh Edward Roberts, 94

After 94 years of a full and very interesting life, Hugh Roberts passed away quietly at The Springs in Whitefish, with his dear friends by his side.

Hugh was born in Whitefish on Nov. 22, 1921. He was the only son of Mary Korting-Roberts and Hugh David Roberts. His father passed when he was 17, and Hugh lived with and supported his mother until he left for college. He attended Montana State, earning a degree in mechanical engineering. He was drafted into the Army and discovered his passion for long-range rifle shooting in basic training, earning awards for his marksmanship and precision. He served in World War II with a stateside assignment in Oakridge, Tennessee, to work on what later was known as the Manhattan Project.

After the war he tried working for General Electric, yet did not like the constant traveling. In 1950 his mother developed multiple sclerosis, and Hugh returned to Whitefish to care for her until she passed in 1965. He hired out with the Great Northern Railroad, which later merged to become the Burlington Northern, working as a fireman/engineer for 30 years. He was a trustworthy employee, dependable, and a hell of a pinochle player when he was switching in the yard.

He spent his life living just off Whitefish Lake in various houses on Washington Avenue, as his father would move them every year or so, whenever the rent was raised. He inherited his mother's home at 37 Washington Avenue and,



although he moved into The Springs when he was 80, he kept his home in order to continue enjoying many of his hobbies until he was 92.

Hugh enjoyed fishing, playing cards, reloading and target shooting, cabinet making, and collecting firewood for his neighbors and friends.

Hugh was an active, kind and generous man, who assisted families with projects around their homes and helping many families send a child or two to college, or with extra expenses. His generosity was consistent throughout his years, and although he never married or had children of his own, he was fondly referred to as the "Grandfather of Washington" Avenue to those who loved him.

Hugh has requested a quiet burial with no services and will be laid to rest with an Honor Guard send off in Glacier Memorial Gardens next to his mother.

John Timothy 'Tim' Robins, 79

John Timothy "Tim" Robins, 79, died Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the Lakeview Care Center in Bigfork. At his request,

there will be no services. Arrangements are under the direction of the Lake Funeral Home and Crematory.

Claudia Robbins, 66

Claudia Robbins, 66, died Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016, in Kalispell. Services will be held at

a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Andrew C. Robinson, 91

Andrew C. Robinson, 91, of Hamilton, formerly of Kalispell, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016, at the Bee Hive Homes in Hamilton.

A graveside service with military honors will

be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery in Kalispell.

Arrangements are under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton.

Roberta C. Rocks, 76

Roberta C. Rocks, 76, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in Kalispell. Services will be held at

a later date. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Tyler James Rodriguez, 15



Tyler James Rodriguez, 15, of Rexford, passed away at his home on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016.

He was born Dec. 17, 2000, in Whitefish to James and Jane (Hollingsworth) Rodriguez. Tyler grew up in Rexford and attended school in Eureka. He enjoyed being active in high school, attending sporting events and was on the Lincoln County High School Track and Field team. Tyler was taking driver's education

and, like most teens, was looking forward to getting his driver's license. When not at school or attending school activities, Tyler enjoyed playing video games, hiking in the mountains and going fishing. Most special to him were times spent with sister Kasey and brother-in-law Justin.

Tyler attended Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka.

Tyler was a loving son, brother, grandson and friend and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his mother Jane, and grandfather Richard.

Survivors include his dad, James Rodriguez, of Rexford; sister, Kasey Hanley (Justin) of Bozeman; grandparents, Bun and Barbara DeLange

of Rexford, and Laney and Carolyn Bowers of Billings; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Services for Tyler will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Eureka. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Schnackenberg & Nelson Funeral Home, 222 1st Ave. W., Eureka. Online condolences and memories may be shared by visiting www.schnackenbergfh.com.

Alfred Ronseth, 88

Alfred Ronseth, 88, died April 20, 2016, at his home in Whitefish.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ronseth, and

daughters, Pam Blume and Suellen Carlson.

Services are pending.

Austin Funeral Home is caring for the family.

LaRue Elizabeth Ledford Rogers, 92

LaRue Elizabeth Ledford Rogers, 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016.

She was born in Clay County, North Carolina, to Van and Elma Ledford on Aug. 20, 1923. After graduating from Clay County High School, she attended Young Harris College where she earned her elementary teaching certificate.

LaRue married Ted Wilson Rogers, also a native of Clay County in 1941 at Young Harris College Chapel. Their two children, Ginger and Jack, were born in North Carolina.

In 1954 the entire family moved "out West" to Columbia Falls where Ted worked at the aluminum plant. LaRue was a bookkeeper at the Bank of Columbia Falls for many years. Ted retired from the aluminum plant and LaRue from the Bank of Columbia Falls.

She loved her family, gardening, cooking and sewing/quilting. LaRue loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren ... spoiling them in any way she could.

One of her love languages was cooking for her family and friends! She was well known for her banana pudding, chocolate pie, and biscuits and gravy. She loved to cook her Southern recipes which she learned growing up in North Carolina ... green beans, creamed corn, fried pork chops, fried cabbage, fried okra, fried apple pies.

People would stop by her house to admire her flowers and vegetable garden. Her shared perennial plants are now growing in other yards in Montana. In recent years when her garden outgrew



her ability to eat and can the produce, she shared her bounty with the Columbia Falls Food

Bank.

LaRue made countless quilts for all of her descendants, which they all cherish to this day. She also pieced quilt tops for Columbia Falls Methodist Church's prayer quilt ministry. When her granddaughters were young, she sewed them Easter dresses with pantaloons.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Van and Elma; her sisters, Carmen and Allegra; her brother, Oleon; and great-grandson Loic.

She is survived by her children, Ginger L. Severns of California, and Jack and Roxy Rogers of North Carolina; grandchildren, David and Tammey Perry, Dennis Perry, Dean and Jody Perry, Laura and Andy Jones, Mark and Melissa Rogers, and Sara and Sam Kavanagh; as well as great-grandchildren, Tyler P., Michelle and Blake, Drew and Aurora, Tanner, Tiffany and Kelly, Aaron and Haley, Tyler E., Indica, Maranda, Kyro, Pyper, Amelia and Nolan; and great-great grandchildren, Tyler G., Chloe, Maverick, Atticus and Hazel, in Montana, California and Oregon.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Columbia Falls United Methodist Church, 117 2nd St. W.

She will be buried at Ledford Chapel Cemetery in Hayesville, North Carolina, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you would donate to your favorite charity in LaRue

Carole Cote Romey, 74

Carole Cote Romey passed away peacefully on June 19, 2016, at the age of 74, in Kalispell due to complications of a stroke.

Born to Ted and Sue Cote on Sept. 3, 1941, Carole grew up in Helena, where she graduated from Cathedral High school. Following graduation, Carole married and started a family. She had four children whom she loved and enjoyed being with. Early on, Carole became interested in real estate and thus began her lifelong career as an exceptional businesswoman. Carole stood firm in believing that with determination and hard work comes great reward, and she was satisfied in helping others achieve success in a like manner.

She was a longtime resident of Helena, Lincoln and Kalispell. Carole loved the outdoors — skiing, boating, nature in general and as she would say “picinics.” Her favorite place to “picnic” was Flathead Lake. She loved the beauty of the mountains, the greenery of the valley and the lake in all its glory. Most of all, Carole loved family. With four children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, life was abundant and meaningful for Carole, as she loved each and every one of them immensely. Carole knew the meaning of family and never lost



the thread to her family values.

She is survived by her mother, Sue Cote, of Helena; her four

children, daughter Teresa Newins (Tom) of Anchorage, Alaska, and their children, Brianne and Beau; son Pat Brewer (Brenda) of Jefferson City and their children Patrick and Jeffrey; daughter Tracy Hobbs (Tim) of Savannah, Georgia; and son Christopher; daughter Rebecca Kosena (Ian) of Kalispell and her children, Tatum and Tyzer. Also surviving Carole is brother Joe Cote (Mimi) of Helena.

Carole was preceded in death by her father, Ted Cote, her grandfather Mathias Cote, and her beloved grandmother Blanch Cote.

Carole will be missed immensely by family and loved ones. We take comfort in knowing that through her love for God we will see her again one day.

“The Lord make His face shine upon you ...”
Numbers 6:25a

Per Carole’s wishes, a small family service will take place July 3 in East Helena at St. Ann’s Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in lieu of flowers to hospice of Kalispell.

Alfred Ronseth, 88

Al passed away peacefully at home on April 20, 2016, with his wife by his side.

Al was born in Minnesota in 1927 to Norwegian immigrants Rognald and Anna Ronseth. In 1928 the family moved to Medstedt Sask. The family lived there from 1928 to 1934.

When Al was six years old, the family moved to Half Moon in a Model A 1931 truck. His dad worked for Stoltze Lumber in Half Moon and they lived at "Camp 1." He attended first through eighth grade at Canyon View School. He went to high school in Columbia Falls and played football for the Columbia Falls Wild Cats.

Al met his wife, Shirley Beller, on the railroad where they both worked. They were married in 1955 in Whitefish and made that their home. Al's parents were married on the same day 34 years earlier in Norway. Shirley and Al celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren to Maui in 2006. They would have celebrated 61 years together this year. They were blessed with two daughters, Pam and Suellen.

Al worked for the Great Northern/BNSF Railway in the bridge and building department, retiring after 43 years in 1990. Previous to working on the railroad, he had worked on the Hungry Horse Dam and for a contractor in Alaska for the railroad there.

After he retired, they went on their first trip to Kona for five weeks. He fell in love with Hawaii and returned several times. His last trip to Maui was in 2014 with his daughters and son-in-law.



to Norsk Host Fest in Minot several times. Al went fishing in the ocean many times and to Northern

Sask with his son-in-law and grandson. They traveled to Yellow Knife in the Northwest Territories. They loved to camp and took their grandchildren often.

Al was involved in many various organizations over the years. He, like several other men in Whitefish, devoted 20 years to being a volunteer fireman. Al was pleased that his father-in-law and son-in-law were volunteer firemen in Whitefish as well. Now his grandson is a volunteer fireman in Dutton. In 1971, Al was injured while fighting the fire of the Jr. High gym, when he jumped 25 ft. off a ladder to avoid a burning wire but only suffered a crushed heel.

All who knew Al knew what a kind, generous, honest man he was. He always said "I've never met a stranger." Our loss of him leaves such a big hole in our hearts. He had an unbelievable memory, whether it be history, family or an event. He could recall any day, his location and the weather at any given time. He was a marvelous storyteller and did so love to share his wisdom.

Some of his favorite memories were hunting and fishing with his grandsons and son-in-laws, camping with his grandchildren and picking huckleberries with his granddaughters.

ter Suellen (Steve) Carlson of Whitefish and grandsons Trevor Carlson of Dutton, and Tyler Carlson of Lolo, and the love of his life, his wife Shirley, all survive him.

Al was known affectionately as "Grandpy" or "Gramps" to his grandchildren. They were his pride and joy, and there was always a twinkle in his eye whenever he talked about them. He made sure they knew how proud he was of them and how very much he loved them. He wanted nothing more out of life than to watch his grandchildren and great-granddaughter grow and thrive. Each one of them was put on a pedestal and could do no wrong in his eyes.

Al is survived in addition by sister Lillian French of Kalispell, sister-in-law and bother-in-law Helen (Beller) and Joel Ekeland of Texas, and numerous treasured nieces and nephews across the country.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Anna, brothers Ray and Jim, sisters Arnhild and Betty, his mother-in-law and father-in-law Jess and Adelaide Beller, and brother-in-laws Jerry Beller, Bill Hutchinson and Ralph Ducket.

His family has requested that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made in his name to Christ Lutheran Church, of which he had been a member since 1963, 5150 River Lakes Parkway, Whitefish, MT 59937.

A celebration of life service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 19, with a luncheon to follow.

Steven Paul Rosse, 55

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, Steven Paul Rosse passed in Renton, Washington, at the age of 55 years.

Steven was born in Charleston, West Virginia, on Sept. 24, 1960, to Patricia and Francis Rosse. Steve attended grade and high school in Columbia Falls. He went on to graduate from Montana State with a mechanical engineering degree. While in Bozeman he met and married Kathy Zier.

Steve then worked as an engineer in Billings for a year before moving to Utah to work for Morton Thiokol. Steve then went on to make his home in Renton where he worked for Boeing as a professional engineer for 29 years.

Steve was a car enthusiast and enjoyed working on his vehicles. He loved to keep busy building and repairing items using his mechanical skills.

Steve is survived by his wife Kathy, his daughter Stephanie Bien, his son-in-law Keith Bien, and his father-in-law Bill Zier. He is also sur-



vived by his father Francis Rosse and his wife Sally; and by his sister Laurie Ann

Kirby, husband Richard Kirby, and their daughter Kimberly.

His mother Patricia Ann Scott Rosse preceded him in death.

A family celebration of his life will be held in Columbia Falls at a later date where he will be laid to rest. The family suggests memorial contributions may be sent to youcaring.com in Steve's name.

Thank you for taking the time to visit the Steve Rosse Memorial donation page. We are deeply saddened by this tragedy and want to support his family in any way we can. Friends of the Rosse family have set up this memorial fund to help them in this difficult time.

Al suffered from macular degeneration and Parkinson's disease. We have peace knowing he's whole again and free from his diseases. Our family will be forever grateful for his very dear friend Russell Rhine, who spent many hours with him in the woods and always saw to it that Al made it to their weekly breakfasts after he lost his sight.

Most of all, Al loved his family.

His daughter Pam (Chris) Blume and granddaughter Katelynn Blume, all of Olympia, Washington; granddaughter Courtney (Kyle) Finneman and great-granddaughter Kenley of Havre; daugh-

Al loved to pick huckleberries, and picked them with his family as a young child in order for the family to have money to buy school clothes. In 1990, when he retired, he took his dog Chevis with him and he handpicked 70 gallons that summer. The last summer he picked was 2013.

He was so proud of his Norwegian heritage. Al and Shirley loved to travel and they took their daughters to Norway and Europe for seven weeks in 1970; went on a Caribbean cruise; to Branson, Missouri; and

Kathryn 'Katie Lou' Rosenow, 78

Kathryn Louise "Katie Lou" Rosenow, 78, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, with family in Kalispell, where she resided for the past four months with her daughter.

She is survived by her four children, Marcie Albright of Kalispell, Jason (Crissie) Rosenow of Phoenix, Betsy (Jim) Burman of Sacramento,

California, and Jodie (Francisco) Chacon of Houston, Texas; and 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, at the Harvest Community Church in Plains, with burial at the Plains Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Hills Funeral Homes, Plains.

Rosaltha I. Roth, 84

Rosaltha I. Roth, 84, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, in Kalispell.

Services will be held at

a later date.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home is caring for the family.

Niko Vincent Rossi, 5 weeks

Niko Vincent Rossi, 5 weeks, was born May 16, 2016, in Kalispell, to wonderful loving parents Jason and Ashley Rossi. God "called this perfect little baby boy home" early on June 20, 2016.

Niko was only here for a short time, but he will be loved forever. Niko showed us how he could roll over at 10 days old. It is amazing how one so small could give so much joy. Niko was preceded in death by grandparents, William and Pam Rossi, and grandfather, Darrel Baker. He leaves behind his loving father and mother, Jason and Ashley Rossi; brothers, Skyler and Seth; sisters, Jordyn, Rachel and

Brittney; nephew, Logan; grandmother, Barbara Baker; great-grandmothers, Elizabeth Brungard and Delores Baker; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

"Goodbye to our sweet little man. May your bright eyes help guide us until we see you in heaven. We love you very much."

A celebration of Niko's life will be held Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Buffalo Hill Funeral Home in Kalispell. Friends are encouraged to visit www.buffalohill-fh.com to leave notes of condolences for the family. Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

DORTHEA "PEGGY" ROWLATT

August 30, 2016 at 4:07 pm |

Dorthea "Peggy" Rowlatt, 95, died Aug. 11, 2016 in St. Petersburg, Florida, of natural causes.

Peggy was born April 10, 1921 in Harlowton, the daughter of James and "Maisie" Campbell.

Peggy married Eric Rowlatt on August 28, 1942 in Havre. She worked for many years at Don's Medical Pharmacy. The couple spent their wonderful retirement years in Whitefish.

In November of 2010, Peggy and Eric moved to St. Petersburg. Eric preceded her in death on July 16, 2012. Survivors include son, Jim (Kelly) Rowlatt of Havre; daughter, Pat (Dan) Finn of St. Petersburg; four grandsons, Mike (Susan) Hatler of Portland, Oregon, Ric (Aubrey) Rowlatt of Gardnerville, Nevada, Mark (Angela) Rowlatt of Havre and Brian (Anne) Hatler of Seattle; and nine great-grandchildren.



Peggy Rowlatt

A graveside service at Bay Pines National Cemetery for both Eric and Peggy is planned for later this year in St. Petersburg. The entire family will be celebrating their many years of shared love here on Earth.

Kennedy Grace Ruff, 6 months

Kennedy Grace Ruff, 6 months, was born in Portland, Oregon, on June 29, 2016, to Shawn and Jyndia Ruff, who is formerly of Kalispell. She arrived in her own perfect timing- nearly two weeks late (a characteristic she received from her mommy).

Our sweet baby girl "danced into the loving arms of Jesus" on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

To all who knew her, she was full of life and love. Her spirit was infectious and she truly brought joy to all who met her. In her short life, she moved to Montana from Portland at just three weeks old demonstrating how content she was to be on the go. She travelled across the country to meet her family and friends and made weekend trips to visit grandparents; often sleeping the entire drive of three or more hours.

Her beautiful smile



and genuine giggle brightened everyone's world including

perfect strangers. Having only lived in Helena for three months she was already a celebrity around town. She attended most Capital High School sporting events to spend time with her daddy. She could easily be spotted with her pink headphones and binky. Kennedy's personality emerged early. Her face had an expression for all things: surprise, concern, giddy happiness, wheels turning curiosity and adventure. She was a mobile little one always wanting to learn the next skill. She was content in nearly all situations and loved being outside.

Kennedy was friends with everyone. She would

hold out her hands to be picked up with the biggest smile that would fill one's heart with joyous love. She was loved fiercely by her family and friends. It was hard not to love her squishy cheeks and button nose.

Though Kennedy's life was short, her impact has left a legacy. Her family and friends look forward to the day they can see her and play with her again. No doubt she has already introduced herself to family and friends who have gone before her. We love you little girl.

A funeral service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Gateway Center, 1710 National Avenue. A reception will follow the service at the Gateway center.

Please visit www.aswfuneralhome.com to offer a condolence to the family or to share a memory of Kennedy.

Eric Paul Rozell, 64



Eric Paul Rozell, 64, passed away at home Oct. 11, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Eric was born on April 3, 1952, in Spokane to Dr. Paul and Marjorie Rozell. The oldest of three children, Eric grew up very close to his younger brother David, and sister Barbara.

After graduating from West Valley High School in Spokane, Eric received a baseball scholarship for Spokane Falls Community College. Two years later he received a degree in range management from Washington State University.

He married Laurretta Lerseth in 1975, and they moved to Miles City where Eric worked for Burlington Northern Railroad. In 1976 they transferred to Kalispell, where he worked as a forester for Plum Creek Timber and Lands (later Weyerhaeuser).

In 1978, Eric and Laurretta welcomed a son, Cameron, and in 1981, a daughter, Kelsey.

Eric had two loves — his family and the great outdoors. He has lived his dream in the Flathead and loved being able to work and play in

Montana. Hunting, fishing, hiking and his love of wildlife have passed on to his children. He loved his kids and grandkids, making the best memories at his childhood cabin in Post Falls, Idaho.

Eric is survived by his wife of 41 years, Laurretta, and two children, Cameron of Kalispell, and Kelsey (Taylor) Hartzheim, grandson Rory, and granddaughter Harper of Bozeman. Also surviving are siblings David (Cyndi) Rozell, and Barbara (Howard "Butch") Graham, and nephews Paul, Jeremy, and Kyle. Eric felt so blessed to have such a wonderful family and his grandchildren were his pride and joy!

Eric's memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to support your local cancer community, or wildlife conservation group.

Doyle 'Sonny' Eugene Russell, 64

Doyle "Sonny" Eugene Russell passed away Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at his home in Woods Bay.

He was born Jan. 12, 1952, in Newport, Washington. He graduated from high school at Yellowstone Boys Ranch in Billings. His favorite pastime was caring for the animals but especially the pigs.

On March 11, 1978, he married Martha (Terry) and that union had a daughter Mary Margaret. He later married Sheila Rae and had a daughter, Christina Rose. He also has a son Stephan by a partner years earlier.

After returning from Yellowstone, Sonny enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Vietnam in 1969. He re-enlisted afterwards, in the Navy and was stationed in Adak, Alaska, until 1973. He later had complications from the herbicide "Agent Orange," which he derived from his tour in Vietnam and also resulted in COPD in his later years. Sonny received miscellaneous awards from his tour in Vietnam, of which he was extremely proud but rarely spoke about!

Sonny worked the oil fields in Wyoming and then returned to his hometown of Somers and Kalispell to work at Plum Creek in Columbia Falls.

Sonny loved to hunt and fish with his brother Gary and they picked huckleberries and morel mushrooms when the season permitted. They camped out practically daily and until the season was done, always coming back in looking a bit more suntanned than when they left. Sonny later went to live with his father and together panned for



gold in the Grangeville, Idaho, area until his father died from natural causes.



Sonny was preceded in death by two sisters,

Deana Rae and Victoria Faith, his father Kenneth Doyle and his mom Norma Jean, and ex-wife Martha.

He is survived by his sons, Adam and Stephen Bartle, and daughter Mary Wall, with grandchildren, Aspen, Madisen, Elijah, Noah, Isaiah, and daughter Christina Jorgenson with granddaughter Destiny. He is also survived by a brother Gary Russell, and a sister Mary'l Luntsford, whom he referred to as May-Gay in his earlier years, both from Kalispell. Sonny also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, Kimberly, Krystal, with grandniece Samantha, MacKenzye, grandnephews Jaydon, Tanner, Tyler, Dustin, Desiree with grandnephew Zachary and grandniece Tasia, Shiree with grandniece Mariah, and grandnephews Lloyd and Eddie.

He also leaves behind his beloved pet and dog "Kid-go."

Sonny was known for his "collection" of things that he could make a "deal" on and was hesitant to let go; just in case someone needed something he could lend or provide to them!

Sonny will be afforded a much-deserved military procession at a later time, to be determined by family members.

Allan K. Russell, 80

Allan K. Russell, 80, of Lavina, formerly of

Bigfork, died April 11, 2016.

Kay Donna (Keyser) Russell, 81

Kay Donna (Keyser) Russell, 81, of Spokane, formerly of Kalispell, died March 21, 2016, at the Hospice House of Spokane. She is survived by her husband, Al Russell; and their four children, Renee Matthews, Randy Russell

and Ken Russell, all of Spokane, and Kay Curran of Sparks, Nevada.

Services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Hazen & Jaeger Valley Funeral Home, 1306 N. Pines Road, Spokane, WA 99206.